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Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group (1982=84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Expenditure category	CPI-U				CPI-W			
	Unadjusted index	Unadjusted percent change from Feb. 2002	Unadjusted percent change from Jan. 2002	Seasonally adjusted percent change from Jan. to Feb.	Unadjusted index	Unadjusted percent change from Feb. 2002	Unadjusted percent change from Jan. 2002	Seasonally adjusted percent change from Jan. to Feb.
	Feb. 2002	Feb. 2002	Jan. 2002	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. 2002	Feb. 2002	Jan. 2002	Jan. to Feb.
All items	177.8	1.1	0.4	0.2	173.7	0.8	0.3	0.2
All items (1967=100)	532.7	-	-	-	517.5	-	-	-
Food and beverages	176.4	2.7	-1	-2	175.8	2.7	-1	-2
Food	175.9	2.7	-1	-2	175.3	2.6	-1	-2
Food at home	176.0	2.4	-1	-2	175.1	2.5	-1	-3
Cereals and bakery products	197.4	3.0	-5	-4	197.5	3.0	-4	-3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	161.9	1.4	-2	-2	161.6	1.5	-2	-1
Dairy and related products	170.1	4.0	-1	-1	170.0	4.0	-2	-2
Fruits and vegetables	223.3	5.4	-7	2.5	222.2	5.0	-4	2.6
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	140.0	-1	-4	-4	139.5	-1	-5	-3
Other food at home	160.4	1.4	-6	-5	160.1	1.4	-6	-4
Super and sweets	158.5	1.7	-3	-3	158.5	1.9	-6	-2
Fats and oils	157.2	3.0	-7	-4	157.0	3.0	-6	-3
Other foods	176.3	1.3	-4	-7	176.8	1.4	-6	-6
Other miscellaneous foods 1 2	108.0	-4	-8	-8	108.5	-0	-7	-7
Food away from home 1	177.0	3.5	-3	-3	176.9	3.0	-3	-3
Other food away from home 1 2	115.8	3.9	-3	-3	114.0	3.9	-3	-2
Alcoholic beverages	182.4	2.8	-4	-3	182.1	2.9	-4	-3
Housing	178.5	2.2	-5	-3	173.9	2.0	-3	-2
Shelter	204.1	4.3	-8	-5	199.8	4.3	-4	-5
Rent of primary residence 3	197.7	4.7	-4	-4	197.0	4.1	-4	-4
Lodging away from home 2 3	119.3	-2	5.5	1.7	119.4	-2	5.5	2.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence 3 4	212.2	4.4	-3	-4	192.9	4.0	-3	-4
Tenants' and household insurance 1 2	104.8	1.4	-4	-4	104.6	1.5	-4	-4
Fuels and utilities	140.0	-0.1	-1.1	-1.0	139.4	-0.1	-1.0	-1.1
Fuels	123.7	-10.4	-1.3	-1.3	122.7	-10.2	-1.2	-1.3
Fuel oil and other fuels	112.3	-22.3	-5	-1.3	112.4	-22.5	-5	-1.3
Gas (pipelined) and electricity	130.6	-9.3	-1.4	-1.3	129.7	-9.3	-1.3	-1.3
Household furnishings and operations	128.6	-4	-1	-2	124.9	-4	-1	-2
Apparel	123.5	-3.8	2.4	-5	122.4	-3.4	2.3	-5
Men's and boys' apparel	122.0	-3.4	1.0	-1	122.2	-3.7	1.0	-1
Women's and girls' apparel	115.3	-4.7	1.4	1.4	113.8	-5.9	4.9	1.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1	127.2	-1.6	1.8	1.8	128.4	-2.0	1.3	1.3
Footwear	119.5	-2.5	2.0	1.4	119.3	-2.5	1.4	-8
Transportation	148.4	-4.2	-1	-2	147.1	-4.8	-3	-3
Private transportation	144.1	-4.4	-2	-2	144.2	-4.9	-3	-1
New and used motor vehicles 2	100.1	-2.1	-9	-7	100.3	-2.4	-1.0	-8
New vehicles	141.2	-1.5	-1.1	-9	142.3	-1.5	-1.0	-8
Used cars and trucks	153.9	-4.1	-1.1	-7	154.8	-4.3	-1.1	-8
Motor fuel	94.2	-23.0	-3	-2	94.5	-23.0	-3	-2
Gasoline (all types)	97.4	-23.0	-4	-4	97.9	-23.0	-3	-1
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	104.1	2.0	-1	-1	105.3	1.8	-0	-0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	188.0	3.4	-5	-4	189.5	3.5	-5	-4
Public transportation	207.3	-3.3	-7	-4	202.5	-1.4	-7	-3
Medical care	281.0	4.5	-5	-3	279.8	4.4	-5	-3
Medical care commodities	251.7	4.1	-4	-4	248.5	3.9	-4	-4
Medical care services	287.7	4.7	-5	-7	287.2	4.4	-5	-2
Professional services 3	251.4	3.0	-3	0	253.4	2.9	-3	-2
Hospital and related services 3	354.4	7.7	-9	-7	351.4	7.4	-9	-4
Recreation 2	105.9	1.5	-2	-1	104.5	1.4	-3	-1
Video and audio 2	102.9	1.3	-8	-4	102.2	1.0	-8	-4
Education and communication 2	107.3	3.2	-1	-2	107.2	3.0	-1	-1
Education 2	123.2	4.2	-5	-8	123.3	4.1	-5	-8
Educational books and supplies	314.4	4.3	3.8	3.7	315.2	7.2	3.3	3.2
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	353.9	4.1	-2	-5	347.0	4.0	-2	-4
Communication 1 2	93.1	-1	-3	-3	94.5	-1	-2	-2
Information and information processing 1 2	92.0	-2	-2	-2	93.7	-0	-3	-3
Telephone services 1 2	100.3	1.8	-6	-6	100.5	1.6	-1	-1
Information and information processing other than telephone services 1 3	19.0	-17.0	-2.1	-2.1	19.7	-17.2	-2.0	-2.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment 1 2	23.8	-29.8	-3.3	-3.3	23.5	-29.6	-3.0	-3.3
Other goods and services	290.3	4.7	1.0	1.0	290.3	5.3	1.5	1.5
Tobacco and smoking products 1	449.3	10.0	3.8	3.8	450.7	10.1	4.0	4.0
Personal care 1	173.7	3.0	-3	-3	173.2	2.8	-3	-3
Personal care products 1	155.5	-1	-2	-2	154.3	-4	-3	-3
Personal care services 1	188.4	2.5	-1	-1	187.1	2.4	-1	-1
Miscellaneous personal services	271.8	5.1	-5	-2	271.4	5.0	-4	-4
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	148.1	1.7	-2	-1	148.8	-1.8	-2	-1
Food and beverages	176.4	2.7	-1	-2	175.8	2.7	-1	-2
Commodities less food and beverages	132.1	-4.3	-4	-3	133.1	-4.4	-3	-3
Nondurables less food and beverages	139.4	-5.3	1.3	-4	140.7	-5.8	1.3	-7
Apparel	123.5	-3.8	2.4	-5	122.4	-3.4	2.3	-5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	153.6	-6.2	-7	-5	155.4	-6.7	-8	-7
Durables	122.7	-2.5	-7	-4	123.1	-2.8	-8	-7
Services	207.3	3.1	-5	-3	203.3	3.1	-4	-3
Rent of shelter 4	214.7	4.4	-8	-5	192.5	4.4	-6	-5
Transportation services	204.6	3.1	-6	-3	204.7	3.0	-4	-3
Other services	241.5	3.7	-2	-2	239.0	3.4	-3	-3
Special indexes								
All items less food	179.3	-9	-5	-2	173.3	-5	-3	-2
All items less shelter	148.7	-2	-2	-1	144.1	-5	-2	-1
All items less medical care	172.4	-9	-4	-2	169.0	-6	-3	-2
Commodities less food	133.9	-4.9	-3	-0	134.8	-4.4	-2	-1
Nondurables less food	142.2	-4.9	1.2	-4	143.1	-5.3	1.2	-4
Nondurables less food and apparel	155.4	-5.4	-6	-5	157.0	-5.9	-8	-4
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	158.0	-1.3	-4	-4	158.6	-1.4	-4	-4
Services less rent of shelter 4	141.3	1.8	-2	-1	140.1	1.7	-2	-1
Services less medical care services	200.2	3.0	-5	-4	194.5	3.0	-4	-3
Energy	111.0	-15.9	-4	-8	109.8	-14.4	-4	-8
All items less energy	186.5	2.6	-4	-3	182.5	2.4	-4	-3
All items less food and energy	189.2	2.6	-5	-3	184.4	2.4	-4	-3
Commodities less food and energy commodities	144.2	-9	-3	-3	144.9	-1.0	-3	-0
Energy commodities	99.6	-22.9	-2	-1	99.5	-27.9	-3	-3
Services less energy services	215.1	4.0	-4	-4	211.5	4.1	-5	-4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982=84=100)	\$ 542	-	-	-	\$ 574	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=81=100)	\$ 188	-	-	-	\$ 193	-	-	-

1 Not seasonally adjusted.

2 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

3 This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item status index series converted to a geometric means estimator in January, 1995.

4 U-population indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

W-population indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

5 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Selected areas, all items index

(1982=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	CPI-U				CPI-W			
	Indexes			Percent change to Feb. 2002 from—	Indexes			Percent change to Feb. 2002 from—
	Dec. 2001	Jan. 2002	Feb. 2002		Dec. 2001	Jan. 2002	Feb. 2002	
U.S. city average	176.7	177.1	177.8	1.1	172.9	173.2	173.7	0.8
<b>Region and area size<sup>1</sup></b>								
Northeast urban	186.2	186.9	186.1	1.8	181.0	181.4	182.3	1.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	185.4	186.2	187.9	2.2	181.1	181.4	182.9	1.9
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000	110.3	110.5	110.5	.4	109.9	110.1	110.1	.4
Midwest urban	171.9	172.1	172.5	.2	167.4	167.7	168.1	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	173.9	174.1	174.7	.5	169.7	169.9	170.4	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000	169.4	169.5	169.6	.1	169.2	169.3	169.3	.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	165.5	166.2	166.4	.2	163.3	163.9	164.3	.4
South urban	170.3	170.6	171.0	.5	166.1	166.3	166.6	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	171.7	171.9	172.4	1.2	169.0	169.2	169.5	1.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000	168.9	169.2	169.3	.1	168.5	168.6	168.7	.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	167.4	168.4	168.4	.9	166.3	167.2	167.9	.4
West urban	181.4	182.4	182.2	2.2	176.8	177.4	178.1	2.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000	182.5	184.4	185.4	2.3	176.9	177.7	178.4	2.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000	111.4	111.9	112.4	2.1	111.2	111.4	111.8	1.9
<b>Size classes</b>								
A	181.1	181.4	182.5	1.6	159.4	159.7	160.5	1.4
B/C	109.7	109.9	110.1	.5	109.3	109.4	109.5	.1
D	165.8	170.5	170.7	.4	168.5	169.2	169.3	.1
<b>Selected local areas<sup>2</sup></b>								
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	177.9	177.9	178.7	.1	171.7	171.4	172.4	.3
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA	177.1	178.9	180.1	2.7	169.7	171.5	172.8	2.7
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	187.3	188.5	189.9	2.0	182.8	183.5	184.7	2.2
Boston-Providence-Warwick, MA-NH-RI-CT	-	192.9	-	-	-	191.8	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	-	171.4	-	-	-	162.8	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	-	179.4	-	-	-	178.0	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV	-	110.9	-	-	-	110.5	-	-
Atlanta, GA	174.8	-	174.1	.5	172.0	-	173.2	.3
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	173.5	-	176.2	1.7	167.9	-	170.5	1.7
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX	167.1	-	166.4	-.3	165.2	-	164.3	-.5
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	173.1	-	175.0	1.8	170.5	-	172.3	1.8
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	179.9	-	182.0	1.7	179.2	-	181.4	1.8
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	190.4	-	191.3	1.8	184.5	-	188.8	1.8
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	184.1	-	187.4	2.0	181.1	-	183.5	1.8

<sup>1</sup> Regions defined as the four Census regions.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1999=100 base.

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1999=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> In addition, the following metropolitan areas are published semiannually and appear in Tables 34 and 35 of the January and July issues of the CPI Detailed Report: Anchorage, AK; Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN; Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO; Honolulu, HI; Kansas City, MO-KS; Milwaukee-Racine, WI; Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI; Pittsburgh, PA; Portland-Salem, OR; St. Louis, MO-IL; San Diego, CA; Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a November 1999=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Data not available.

NOTE: Local area indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

## BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a market basket of goods and services. Two CPIs are published: 1) The CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), which covers about 87 percent of the total population, and 2) the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), which covers 32 percent of the total population. The CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, transportation, medical care, and other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in 87 locations are averaged together with weights that represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. *Indexes for different months are usually compared in relative terms. Thus, an index of 133.5 is 1.063 times higher than an index of 125.6 (133.5/125.6=1.063); in other words, prices increased 6.3 percent.* The CPI is used as an indicator of inflation, a deflator of

other economic series, and an escalator for income payments. *More detail.* This news release from the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor provides summary data from the Consumer Price Index. The full release is available electronically on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/> at release time. If you have any questions about the CPI, please write to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, Room 3615 PSB, Washington, DC 20212, or call (202) 691-7000. Full detail is available in the monthly periodical *CPI Detailed Report* for \$45 per year from New Orders, Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954. This information will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: (202) 691-5200; Federal Relay Service, 1-800-877-8339. For a recorded message of summary CPI data, call (202) 691-5200.

#### **CPI For All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)-Analysis**

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U increased 0.2 percent in February, the same as in January. The energy index, which advanced 0.9 percent in January, declined 0.8 percent in February. The index for petroleum-based energy decreased 0.1 percent, and the index for energy services fell 1.3 percent. The food index rose 0.2 percent in February, reflecting another

large increase in the index for fruits and vegetables. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 0.3 percent in February after increasing 0.2 percent in January. An upturn in the index for apparel, coupled with larger increases in the indexes for shelter and for tobacco and smoking products, accounted for the larger advance in February.

**NEXT CPI RELEASE: MARCH DATA ON APRIL 16, 2002 8:30AM (EDT); TRY OUR CPI QUICKLINE: 202-691-6994**

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE: BLS Has Updated the Expenditure Weights Used in the CPI**

Effective with the release of data for January 2002, a new set of expenditure weights, using 1999-2000 Consumer Expenditure Survey data, replaced the 1993-95 weights formerly used in the CPI. In addition, BLS intends to update the expenditure weights used in the CPI every two years. For example, the index for January 2004 will use 2001-2002 expenditure weights, and so on. Historically, expenditure weights used in the CPI were updated approximately every ten years.



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